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quer·u·lous  (kwĕr ə-ləs, kwĕr yə-)

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adj.

1. Given to complaining; peevish.
2. Expressing a complaint or grievance; grumbling: *a querulous voice; querulous comments.*

[Middle English *querulose*, litigious, quarrelsome, from Old French *querelos*, from Late Latin *querulōsus*, querulous, from Latin *querulus*, from *querī*, to complain; see **kves-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.](#)]

quer u·lous·ly *adv.*

quer u·lous·ness *n.*

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